

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicants respectfully direct the Examiner's attention to the documents listed below and on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. A copy of each document so listed is enclosed.

U.S. Patent 5,233,369
U.S. Patent 5,903,294
U.S. Patent 5,905,518
U.S. Patent 5,984,460
U.S. Patent 6,022,102
Europe 846,561
Europe 1,149,706

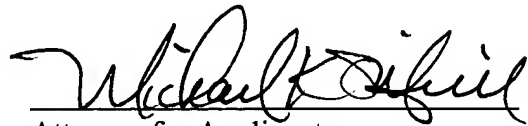
These documents were cited in prior parent Application No. 10/190,684 and might be deemed pertinent for the reasons given there. The Examiner is respectfully directed to the Patent and Trademark Office files for review of these documents. See MPEP § 609. Additionally, the Examiner is requested to indicate that this information has been considered by initialling the appropriate portion of the attached form PTO-1449.

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CONCLUSION

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Respectfully submitted,

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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS							
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		5,233,369	8/1993	Carlotta, et al		347	87
		5,903,294	5/1999	Abe, et al		347	87
		5,905,518	5/1999	Deflippis		347	29
		5,984,460	11/1999	Takagi, et al		347	86
		6,022,102	2/2000	Ikkatai, et al		347	86
FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS							
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		846,561	6/1998	Europe			
		1,149,706	10/2001	Europe			
OTHER DOCUMENT(S) (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)							
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